

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-15, 18-21, 23-27 and 30 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vijayan, Marwaha and U.S. Patent No. 5,844,808 (“Konsmo”). Claims 7-8, 11-15, 18-21, 24-27 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,832,341 (“Vijayan”) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0181685. In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant amends independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 to further define the invention. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant relies on M.P.E.P. § 2143, which states that to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation in the prior art to modify the reference. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Third, the prior art must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that neither Vijayan, Marwaha, nor Konsmo alone or in combination, discloses each and every element of independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 as amended.

Independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 are directed toward a system and method for managing different types of events in a distributed computing system. As stated above, independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 recite a method and system for filtering, correlating or consolidating one or more received events, including correlating the failure of a

portal service with the performance of the network, correlating a database failure and a database restoration event, correlating multiple instances of the same event and managing and correlating server failures. Further, independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 claim outputting event information to a user wherein the event is output to the user in a format independent of the source of the event comprising a severity code, predefined actions available to the user and event-specific instructions for the user, wherein information resulting from execution of the predefined actions or event-specific instructions is stored in a central database to automate the execution of the predefined actions or event-specific instructions upon recurrence of the event.

Thus, the claimed invention outputs events to a user indicating the severity of a failure or performance degradation, allowing the user to access information about available actions and providing the user with event-specific instructions that guide the user through the process of resolving an issue that caused the event. Further, the information related to the users actions to remedy a problem caused by an event is stored in a central database. This information can be used to automate problem resolution when a specific event occurs again.

Vijayan does not disclose, teach or suggest a method for receiving and correlating subsequent events in order to output an event to the user wherein the event is output to the user in a format independent of the source of the event comprising a severity code, predefined actions available to the user and event-specific instructions for the user, wherein information resulting from execution of the predefined actions or event-specific instructions is stored in a central database to automate the execution of the predefined actions or event-specific instructions upon recurrence of the event as claimed in claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24. Instead, Vijayan discloses a method for monitoring faults within a computer network. Specifically, Vijayan is directed toward integrating changes into a Fault Management System (Col. 1, lines 42-45.) Vijayan discloses that after an event is received a party is notified, a trouble ticket is created and the event is logged. *See* FIG. 5.

“The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Here, Vijayan fails to disclose all the limitations of amended claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24 in

complete detail. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that Vijayan does not teach, suggest or disclose each and every element of independent claims 1, 7, 14, 21, 23 and 24. Further, Marwaha and Konsmo fail to cure the deficiencies of Vijayan. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn. In addition, claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 25-27 and 30 depend from one of claims 1, 7, 14 and 24 and should be allowed at least for the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.25. Additionally, charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 through § 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees.

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